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Supreme Court to Hear Disability Rating Case

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—Cases involved in the interpretation of Section 4661 of the Labor Code as amended in 1945, under which an applicant is granted permanent disability rating with a deduction from his total amount of not in excess of 25 per cent of payments he received as temporary disability, have been granted a hearing by the California State Supreme Court, upon appeal by the California State Industrial Accident Commission.

When these cases were heard in the District Court of Appeals the California State Federation of Labor submitted a brief as amicus curiae. It will now ask permission to file a similar brief with the State Supreme Court, which undoubtedly will be granted.

The present action was the result of the California State Federation of Labor's original insistence that the legislation passed in 1945 amending Section 4661 of the Labor Code would apply to all permanent disability ratings made subsequent to September 15, 1945, regardless of the date upon which the injury giving rise to the permanent disability was sustained.

The Industrial Accident Commission of California upheld the views expressed by the California State Federation of Labor. This position was attacked by the employers and the insurance companies, and the commission's position was reversed by the District Court of Appeals. The commission thereupon appealed to the California State Supreme Court, where it is hoped that a favorable decision may be anticipated.

Union Directory

Again the *Labor Clarion* is asking co-operation of unions in the compiling of the "Directory of Unions Affiliated with the San Francisco Labor Council." This directory will be printed in the Anniversary Number of the *Labor Clarion* on February 7. It is of the utmost importance that the listings are correct. If secretaries of unions having changes will notify the Council's offices, either by mail or telephone, corrections will be noted and made in the directory. Deadline for corrections is set as of January 24.

It Did Happen in the San Francisco Bay Area

This story may be hard for union people in this vicinity to believe, but it is the gospel truth and was uncovered during the organizing of the Co-Op Manufacturing Company in Oakland by the Organizational Strategy Committee. Organizers for the committee found workers were receiving 40 and 45 cents an hour doing work that in the garment manufacturing industry pays considerable more. The 40-cent figure was paid for those not too skilled and the 45-cent hourly rate for the skilled worker. Two phases of this unbelievable wage rate makes for an entirely unsatisfactory condition. First, the wages paid were out of all proportion for comparable work, and secondly, it placed fair employers at a decided disadvantage with competitors paying such low scales. If the committee never does another job, it has justified its existence in this one case.

Green to Be Honored Guest

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the ORT Labor Committee, to be held Wednesday, February 19, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. In announcing the dinner, Adolph Held, chairman of the committee, said it "will honor Mr. Green for his many years of devoted service on behalf of Labor and humanitarian causes, including the ORT—Organization for Rehabilitation through Training."

P.O. Supervisors Chartered

BOSTON (AFLN)—The American Federation of Labor has chartered the National Association of Postal Supervisors, which brings the total of AFL unions to 105 and a membership of over 7,000,000. This association has a membership of 12,000 with headquarters in this city. John Mahon of Boston is president of the APS.

"March of Dimes"

Once again it becomes the privilege of every American to join actively in one of the great peacetime battles waged by man in his ceaseless struggle to make his world a better place in which to live.

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Give generously, give proudly, give thankfully—to the 1947 "March of Dimes"!

Three AFL Labor Men Grand Jury Nominees

Drawn from the master list of 144 candidates for the 1947 Grand Jury, 30 San Francisco citizens were potential Grand Jurors. The final selection of the 19 to serve was made on Thursday, too late for inclusion in this issue. Among those in the first selection were three men prominent in the AFL movement in this city. They are Phillip Deredi, well known official of Elevator Operators and Starters' Union, No. 117; Thomas A. Rotell, assistant secretary of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, secretary of the Union Label Section of the San Francisco Labor Council and vice president of the council, and James F. Ward, president of the Building Material Drivers' Union, No. 216.

British Truck Drivers After Shorter Work Week

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—An application by the British Transport and General Workers' Union for a shorter working week, a regulated day and two weeks vacation with pay is being considered by the Road Haulage Central Wages Board, the American office of the International Transport Workers' Federation reports.

The union's request would shorten the work week from 48 hours to that of 44 with no loss in pay. In addition, the union seeks to obtain a five-day week.

Dissatisfied with the accumulative week as the basis of the working week, the union's program calls for a regulated day and working week. Finally, the union is requesting the board to increase the vacation period from one to two weeks annually.

Yea, Verily and Amen

WASHINGTON (USLD)—In an analysis of price changes during 1946, the Bureau of Labor Statistics finds that while the average factory worker's earnings, which had declined to \$40.58 in February, returned to the \$45.45 level of July 1945 in September, prices paid for living essentials had climbed nearly 15 per cent. In a special year end report, BLS reported that price advances in 1946 were greater than in any year since World War 1. Prices of family living essentials rose 18 per cent in the 12-month period, while primary market prices increased about 31 per cent.

Many Independent Drug Stores Signed

What can be considered as an industry-wide contract for Pharmacists' Union, No. 838, is the bright spot in the strike against a combination that refused a modest demand for a five-day 40-hour week at wages set at \$43. Thus, the Owl Drug Company might be considered a benefactor to the union if it were not for the modest demands being refused by the company.

Labor Council Sub-committee Member George Johns reported to the San Francisco Labor Council that the Owl Company is almost alone in their fight against the union and that the last of the big chain drug firms was to be approached this week, too late for the results of the meeting to be published in this issue of the *Labor Clarion*. However, Johns predicted that the fight against the Owl has a pattern of a long fight. He stated that many Owl workers have secured positions elsewhere and rather doubted if they would return to the Owl after finding better working conditions.

He was lavish in his praise over the way the strikers are conducting themselves. The people involved in the dispute are, for the most part, inexperienced in the less brighter side of union work. Their morale is excellent and they are responding to the encouraging actions of other unionists. The wholehearted support given this group of workers by other retail clerks' unions has been one of the strong pillars in the fight. These groups have laid aside their own business and have pitched in with a will to assist the drug clerks attain their modest demands.

It's Untrue

if you are told that the strike against Burlingame Golf and Country Club by the Florists, Landscapers, Golf and Nursery Workers' Union, No. 167, is not a sanctioned strike. It is sanctioned by the San Mateo Central Labor Council and the boycott is actively prosecuted by the union involved. San Francisco Labor Council Executive Committeeman Jack Goldberger, who is a member of the San Mateo council by virtue of his union's (Periodical Drivers) jurisdiction, reported fully on the matter at the last meeting of the local council.

Union Including Foremen Backed by Labor Board

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. to bargain with an affiliate of the United Mine Workers of America with supervisory officials among its members. The vote was 2 to 1.

The board moved at once for a test of the decision in the Supreme Court by asking the Third Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia for enforcement of the order.

The Supreme Court test in this case will be the first one to determine whether or not foremen may join a union which includes also production workers. The first case in which organization of foremen is an issue will be argued in the court January 9, but it does not raise any question of foremen's affiliation with an organization of production workers.

Labor experts believe that the two cases will probably indicate the direction in which the future organization of foremen will take.

Hiring Rate for Women Top Men

WASHINGTON (USLD)—For the fifth month in the past half year, the factory hiring rate for women in October was higher than that for men. This was revealed in the monthly labor turnover report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, which also showed that the over-all October factory quit rate was 46 per 1,000. This figure, while five times greater than October 1939, was the lowest October in five years.

Local Printers' Wage Meeting

Members of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21, will convene in special called meeting on Sunday, January 12, at 1 p.m. in the Labor Temple Auditorium to receive reports from the union's scale committee upon agreements reached with newspaper publishers and commercial printing employers upon contracts for 1947. Ratification of those agreements is expected.

AFL Abandons Plans to Set Up Paris Office

PARIS—Plans of the American Federation of Labor to establish an office in Paris were abandoned, it was announced by Irving Brown, AFL European representative, due to the hostility of the "Communist-controlled" Confederation Generale du Travail (French trade federation). Instead, Brown said, the AFL will choose London, Brussels or Geneva.

"The French CGT has seen fit to misinterpret our statements and our aims," Mr. Brown said. "We certainly are not going to operate in a city where the official trade union movement takes such an attitude."

He praised Leon Jouhaux, leader of the Socialist minority in French Labor, as one of the "grand figures of the French and international trade union movements."

Mr. Brown said the decision on where to set up an office would be made soon. A special office for Germany, directed by Henry Rutz of the International Typographical Union, probably will be opened in Stuttgart.

Mr. Brown said that European Labor in general had welcomed the AFL decision to organize European offices as a surety of American Labor's break with isolationism.

In recent weeks, however, unauthorized announcements and dispatches in Europe have caused "much misunderstanding and rash mud-slinging attacks," he said. He said the attack had begun in the Moscow paper *Pravda* and had been echoed in the Communist trade union press in France.

Forty AFL Unions Supported Urban League 1946 Drive

NEW YORK—Forty unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor contributed to the National Urban League's 1946 Appeal a year-end report released last week revealed. The league, whose appeal is endorsed by AFL President William Green, is America's only national inter-racial social welfare organization. Representing the AFL on the National Urban League executive board is Thomas G. Young, secretary of Local 32-B, Building Service Employees' International Union.

AVC Meets in June

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—The national convention committee of the American Veterans' Committee (AVC) announced here that the second annual convention of the World War II veterans' organization will be held next year, June 19 to June 22, in Milwaukee, Wis.

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ELECTRIC SHAVERS

One man's electric shaver may be another man's poison, Consumers' Union found in tests of seven brands. The make that one man finds irritating may give another man a very satisfactory shave; some users claim that an electric shaver is less irritating than razor blades, while others just can't use one at all, even after trying each and all brands. The one point on which there is general agreement is that for most people not even the best electric shaver gives as close a shave as an ordinary safety razor with a good blade. CU recommends that an electric shaver be bought in a store that carries several brands, with the understanding that it can be exchanged or the purchase price will be refunded within a reasonable trial period.

In rating electric shavers, CU recommends only the order in which the shavers should be tried by prospective purchasers. The first two to try are *New Remington Foursome 78* with Blue Streak Head, which seemed all around the best, and *Sunbeam Shavemaster RG*, which gave the closest shave.

(Source: Consumers' Union)

Extra Numeral for Phone Numbers

A numeral will be added next August to all San Francisco and East Bay telephone central office names not already on that basis, according to Lyle M. Brown, division manager for the telephone company. He said that the telephone users involved would be notified by the company in the near future. There are 37 central office names in San Francisco and East Bay that will have a numeral added, 24 of them being in San Francisco. San Francisco central office names already including a numeral are: Jordan 7, Juniper 4, Juniper 5, Juniper 6, Juniper 7, Klondike 2, Lombard 6, Walnut 1, West 1, and Yukon 6.

New Collective Bargaining

LOS ANGELES (ILNS)—Tenants of Los Angeles housing projects now have their own official council to act as sole bargaining agency with the housing authority on housing problems, an arrangement unique in the U.S., the National Association of Housing officials says. The municipal housing authority initiated the bargaining procedure as part of a program "to promote the best interests of the people it has been named to serve." Through the tenant council, residents can negotiate collectively any grievance or any suggestions for physical improvements of their homes.

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California Employment Continues Favorable

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The post-war employment picture in California continues to be a favorable one, and, in fact is better than the national picture. Whereas the Census Bureau reported that there was relatively no change in employment for the United States as a whole between October and November, 1946, the report from the California Division of Labor Statistics and Research shows a continuous upward trend in employment.

The latter report shows that factory employment in California for the month of November 1946 was 15 per cent higher than for the corresponding month in 1945. The change since the pre-war period is illustrated by the fact that the current level of production-worker employment is 65 per cent above that for November 1939 and 100 per cent above that for November 1935.

Production-worker employment in the durable goods industry advanced for the ninth consecutive month, reaching a total of 269,000 in November from the post-war low of 217,000 in February 1946. Not only is the November employment higher than that for the post-war low, but it is significantly higher than that for the preceding month of October. The general level of employment in the durable goods industry is 92 per cent above November 1939, and 250 per cent greater than for November 1935.

Although there has been a decline in employment in the non-durable goods industry for the month of November, due primarily to seasonal contraction in fruit and vegetable canning, beet sugar refining, etc., employment in the non-durable goods industry during that month is still the highest November in the history of employment in the State.

The picture for the non-durable goods industry in San Francisco is not as good as Los Angeles, for a decline of approximately 12,000 occurred between October and November. However, substantial increases were found in employment in the durable goods industry in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Expert Says World Can Grow Enough Food for All

BOSTON (ILNS)—The world can produce enough foods for everyone, Robert M. Salter of the Department of Agriculture told a session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here.

There must be greatly increased production, however, said Salter, who is chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agriculture Engineering of the department's research administration. These increases range from 21 per cent for cereals to 163 per cent for fruits and vegetables.

"I am convinced we do have the soils we need; we do have the fertilizer resources; we have available the management ability and we could produce enough food for all," he said.

Londoners Oppose Tipping

LONDON (AFLN)—More than 700 Londoners enrolled in the "Bribery and Secret Commission Prevention League," the purpose of which is to halt the slipping of tips to the milkman or butcher to obtain more rations than the law allows. The league announced that there is three times as much bribery in England now as there was in 1939. England is credited with being the originator of the tip system.

N. Y. Xmas Sales Set Record

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Department store sales here in December were reported to have marked a gain of 28 per cent over the comparative 1945 month, the *Herald-Tribune* said after a survey. The increase boosted sales to the highest levels ever recorded for that month.



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Individual Savings Fall Billion in Year

PHILADELPHIA (AFLN)—Individuals saved \$4,300,000,000 in liquid form in the third quarter of 1946, \$1,000,000,000 less than in the second quarter, according to an analysis issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Corporate and government savings were not included.

The commission said that the decline reflected the increase in consumer expenditures, which more than offset the increases in income after payment of taxes, and could be contrasted with the normal seasonal rise for the period.

Increased cash and deposits, amounting to \$3,600,000,000, constituted the largest component of individuals' savings and were in addition to \$900,000,000 added to their equity in government insurance, \$700,000,000 in private insurance, \$700,000,000 added to their investment in government securities and \$200,000,000 to their investment in savings and loan associations.

At the same time they increased their mortgage indebtedness by \$900,000,000.

Program in Government for Vets Inaugurated Locally

A pioneer program in government training has begun in San Francisco, with 12 young war veterans selected as the recipients of \$900 scholarships for 1947. These young "interns" in government will spend nine months with the city and county of San Francisco, and also studying the functions of Labor organizations, business firms, and civic groups.

Four of the veterans have already started their training in the City Hall. The remaining eight will start in the middle of February when their college semester ends at the University of California. These twelve students were selected from approximately 35 original applicants. They received their scholarships through the Coro Foundation of San Francisco, which has its offices at 821 Market street and is devoted to study and research in the field of municipal government.

The final 12 veterans were chosen after they appeared before a special examining board which was composed of Supervisor Jesse Colman, Editor Paul C. Smith of the San Francisco Chronicle, Prof. George Hedley of Mills College, and Civil Service Commission Representative Harry Albert.

Farmer Bros.' Boycott

Retail Delivery Drivers reported to the San Francisco Labor Council that progress is being made in the boycott action against Farmer Bros., purveyors of coffee to restaurants and hotels. This union has been in action against the firm for the last few months and has had to answer many legal actions brought by the firm. The boycott is in accordance with an action taken by the Teamsters' Conference of the 11 western States and is locally sanctioned.

Shoes to Be Plentiful

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Shoes will be plentiful by the middle of 1947, it was reported by leaders in the leather trade here. Abundant supplies are already on the market insofar as concerns slippers and women's play shoes, and the only thing holding up further supplies, dealers said, is the shortage of raw materials and machinery in the industry.

Furniture Workers Up Pay

In thanking the executive committee of the San Francisco Labor Council for its assistance in their recent negotiations, Furniture Workers' Union, No. 3141, informed the delegates present that they had raised their wage rate 12 cents an hour.

Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Nelson, Victor—December 26; Bartenders' 41.
Higgins, Ann—December 26; Hotel Service Workers' 283.
Beattie, John—December 30; Painters'.
McMahon, Dennis—December 30; Painters' 19.
Payton, Jack J.—December 30; Machinists' 68.
Canepa, Leonard—January 1; Typographical 21.
Greig, James Franklin—January 1; Bricklayers' 7.
Mangels, George—January 2; Teamsters' 85.
Duffy, Battalion Chief Patrick—January 2; David Scannell Club.
Hadley, Herbert Spenser—January 2; Bottlers' 896.
De Mello, Ivo Pinheiro—January 3; Milk Wagon Drivers' 226.
Moorhead, Victor E.—January 3; Machinists' 68.
Ferreiro, Battista John—January 4; Machinists' 68.
Guedet, Louie F.—January 4; Typographical 21.
Johnson, Nels P.—January 4; Carpenters' 483.
McCloskey, Vincent Joseph—January 4; Bartenders' 41.
Yerbury, Frank J.—January 5; Cleaners and Dyers' 7.
Lester, James—January 6; Asbestos Workers' 16.
Raviol, Camillo—January 7; Waiters' 30.
Schmidt, William Carl—January 7; Bartenders' 340.
Venneman, Theodore Henry—Machinists' 68.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Lingren, Nels G.—In Oakland December 30; Engineers' 39.
Minto, John—In Millbrae January 4; Letter Carriers.

10,000 New York Teachers Hold Part-Time Employment

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Unable to maintain the living standards to which they had been accustomed, 10,000 New York public school teachers have been compelled to take "outside jobs" to augment their classroom earnings, Dr. Jacob Greenberg, associate superintendent in charge of personnel, announced here.

Asked if the second occupations were necessary, Dr. Greenberg replied that they were if the teachers were to pay their debts, keep their own children in school, and meet family obligations, including, in many cases, the support of parents.

New Labor-Management Study

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—One of the most comprehensive efforts yet undertaken to bring together the viewpoints of unions, employers and economists on proposals for revising laws regulating Labor-management relations is being made by the Labor committee of the Twentieth Century Fund. The committee is headed by William H. Davis, former chairman of the National War Labor Board. It is analyzing 121 proposals for Labor legislation put forward in recent months by members of Congress and by groups outside Congress. The committee includes Robert J. Watt, AFL international representative, and Clinton S. Golden, consultant to the United Steel Workers, CIO.

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Local Window Washers Increase Their Scale

San Francisco Window Cleaners' Union, No. 44, report that after two and a half months of negotiations with their employers, the building service contractors, they have achieved the highest scale in the United States for their work. Chicago and Los Angeles are right behind them in wage matters.

The wage scale was raised from \$11.04 to \$13 per day and where a window washer has to work from a scaffold or from a bosun chair an extra \$2 is added to the day's pay. Two weeks' vacation is now the rule and seven holidays are paid.

Elmer E. Milliman, Rail Union Head, Died Dec. 31

DETROIT (ILNS)—Elmer E. Milliman, international president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees, died December 31, at the age of 56. He served as secretary-treasurer of the brotherhood from 1922 to 1940, when he was elected president.

Milliman was a leader in many labor activities. He was president of the Workers' Education Bureau of America, delegate to many American Federation of Labor conventions and in 1932 was AFL fraternal delegate to the British Trades Union Congress. He was a member of the Railway Labor Executives' Association and a member of various AFL committees.

Hard Goods to Set Pace

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—The first four months of 1947 will see hard goods setting the pace in sales gains, it was indicated in a survey of 20 stores conducted recently by a large firm of resident buyers. Eighty-two per cent of these stores, dealing in both hard and soft lines, said they expected to progress in sales for this period, whereas 90 per cent of specialty shops, handling apparel and accessories expect to go behind.

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Our Silence on Curran's Plunge

We have been asked many times during the past two weeks why no comment on Joseph Curran's break with the now discredited CIO Committee for Maritime Unity has not appeared in our editorial columns. Frankly, we are awaiting fuller developments, but will make these few observations.

We observe that a housecleaning of CIO maritime labor is under way, with the question of who is to run the movement and to what ends. Until recently the C.P.'s have done so under circumstances and with effects which are a matter of public record.

We observe that the belated protest against the C.P.s is another instance that will be seized upon by the CIO as a part of their advertised purge of Communists from their ranks. Whether it is or not, only time will tell.

We have observed, as surely as the reader of this editorial must have observed, that there was a growing tendency on the part of affiliated unions of the CMU to dispute the authority of that body. One instant case is that of the Marine Firemen and Oilers' Union. Then we find Joseph Curran conferring with SUP Harry Lundeberg. The recent enlarging of the State CIO executive committee was indicative of some move to shore off some of Harry Bridges' power over the State organization.

We observe, of course, that the issue goes deeper than mere discontinuation of the CMU. To all intents and purposes, that outfit is a dead duck. What with the Marine Firemen and the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association on the verge of severing connections and the NMU not far behind, burial of the body is just a matter of time. But however long the elimination of the Communist influence from the American Maritime Labor Movement may take, the issue remains basically as SUP's Harry Lundeberg stated:

"The average American seaman is sick and tired of Communist tactics. If the commies are not cleaned out, we're not going to have any American merchant marine."

We have never relished the idea of meddling into another person's business, much less that of another labor organization; but we must make this final observation that, no matter what we may think of Joseph Curran, we think that the lot of the seamen in his organization will be better served outside of the so-called Committee for Maritime Unity; the quicker they are rid of the CMU the better.

Truman's State-of-the-Nation Speech

Apparently taking a cue from the election of a Republican Senate and House, President Truman's speech before the joint session of both Houses was something new for him. Even his most ardent supporters have complained of his heretofore indecision on matters of grave concern. In his January 6 address to Congress he was forthright in his expressions. Labor generally accepted his statements as those of a man who has a working knowledge of what is needed. Whether the Congress will deal with his recommendations, especially those recommendations concerning labor, is quite another matter. Particular were his references to jurisdictional strikes and the use of the secondary boycott. To those statements, labor generally is in accord.

The first is of deep concern to all people. Splendid progress has been made in eliminating jurisdictional disputes, as witness the machinery established by the Metal Trades Department of the AFL. And more recently, right here in San Francisco, the metal tradesmen pursued a policy within the bounds of good unionism when their jurisdiction of certain ship work was questioned by the CIO. In the matter of the secondary boycott, the President pointed out that unions must of necessity protect themselves. The President came out against punitive laws. He did assert that Management has been guilty of the very charges that have been placed against labor. All that now remains is for Congress to act. Labor cannot let down the bars of alertness to bad legislation and cannot rest content upon the words of the President.

TRADE UNIONS

By WILLIAM TRANT

(Continued From Last Week)

The trade unions copied several other ancient provisions, such as the rules against systematic overtime. The guilds also forbade a member to work with a non-member. No member was to instruct another, and "no person of the mystery was to hire himself to a person of another mystery where greater wages were offered." "Rattening" (exactly similar to the Sheffield system, with the exception that in the old times it was legal, and now it was not) was practised against those persons who neglected to pay their subscriptions. The guilds had also their "black lists," and the word "donation," now applied to the money given to men "on tramp," is a translation of "Geo-chenk," the word given by the old German guilds to the workmen who were similarly tramping. These and other rules were copied into the codes of the new unions. They are rapidly becoming obsolete, and are not enforced at all in the iron industries. In these industries no fixed period of service is imposed on apprentices, nor is their number limited. The union men do not refuse to work with non-union men, and "rattening" is not allowed.

From this it is seen that, in the natural order of things, the early trade unionists selected rules which they now ignore. They also showed at times more of the bigotry and narrow-mindedness of a bygone age than one likes to see now. There have been intolerants in every creed, and it would be strange if trade unions had furnished an exception. Even the most partial inquirer would fail to detect any more intolerance in trade unionism than can be found in the society which was presided over by the Duke of Cumberland—or indeed, in any other combination. It would, however, not have been surprising if intolerance had reached its culminating point in trade unions. The wonder is, not that there has been so much ill-feeling on the part of the men, but that there has been so little. Oppression breeds intolerance. The men knew that it was illegal to combine, and having therefore to conspire, they came to regard both their masters and the laws as their natural enemies, against whom they would have to wage a war prolonged, if not everlasting. "Consciousness," says Thornton, "of being singled out as victims by a partial and iniquitous law, directed exclusively against themselves, naturally excited in them both general prejudice against all law, and special rancor against those in whose behalf the specially obnoxious law had been enacted." Created by strikes and nurtured by oppression, unions long retained their warlike spirit, a characteristic which now happily is passing away.

It remains to add that combinations began, not amongst the workmen, but amongst the masters. The employed merely followed the example of their employers. It was, and still is, the practice of large capitalists to combine to keep down the price of labor, instead of competing with each other, and so raising wages to their "legitimate rate," as it is called. Until lately the combination of the masters has been directed to a great extent against poor, ignorant, and disinherited men, and on that account the capitalists have generally been successful. This state of things is now changed.

It is seen, then, that trade unions were not improvised. They are not sudden and impulsive combinations, carelessly formed to be hastily abandoned. They are the natural outgrowth of natural laws. Workmen soon perceived that all the extra profits arising from approved appliances went into the pockets of the capitalists, and that a great deal of additional misery and suffering was imposed upon themselves. They saw that the hardest fare and the most work always accompanied each other, and there were complaints loud and deep. Indeed, trade unions have always been "forced" into existence by the oppression of the masters; and when attempts have been made by the men to establish a union in the absence of pressure from above, they have always failed.* At this distance of time we can now clearly see that the employers of Nottingham must be blamed for the fact that, in 1812, half the population of their town lived upon public relief. To destroy a loom was punishable with death, and it was then that numerous associations of workmen sprang into existence. These associations developed into trade unions as soon as the law permitted them to do so. It can hardly be doubted that the indictment, fifty-seven yards long, charging some mechanics, in 1846, with conspiring to get up a strike, and with some "thousands" of misdemeanors, was the beginning of the now large association known as the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and if its success was at all doubtful, the conduct of the Messrs. Platt in 1852 established its basis on a rock.** It was the violation of 13 George IV, cap. 68, by the masters, in favor of themselves and against the interests of the men, which led the Spitalfield weavers to form their association. The oppression of the miners led to the formation of the union in 1831; while the clothworkers, the hatters, calico printers, the Scotch bakers (who in 1846 were little better than slaves), and all the new as well as the old societies, have been forced into existence by the injustice of the employers. "I am no lover of trade unions," says the Bishop of Manchester,

Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

Question—My wife's mother who lives with us is an invalid. Caring for her and our three children, too, is a strain on my wife's energies. I'm trying to persuade my wife to place her in a nursing home. Can you tell us how to find a satisfactory place?

Answer—Nursing care for the aged is a difficult problem in San Francisco these days. The few institutions in the vicinity have long waiting lists. Community Chest Information Service, GARfield 8600, can give you information on these, in case you wish to make an application. The Department of Health, UNDERhill 4701, has listings of private homes licensed to give nursing care. Most of these, too, are filled to capacity. Rates are from \$85 a month up, mostly up. A temporary relief measure, and possibly it might prove to be a satisfactory long-time solution for your problem, might be to arrange with Visiting Nurse Association, 1636 Bush street, JORDan 7-3400, a Community Chest agency, for a nurse to come in for a short time each day to bathe the patient, change bed linens, administer medicines, etc. The fee for this service is modest.

Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

While all of us are complaining about the unusually cold weather and having our nose and toes frozen, Jack Goldberger gaily announces that he's leaving for Chicago, where it's really cold, to play in the snow!!

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES DEPT. No. 1—The office of Ship Painters No. 961, was the victim of an attempted robbery this past week . . . other than doing some damage to the office, nothing of value was taken. No. 2—Nomination for the two best potential super sleuths of the week go to Eleanor Murphy and Ed McCall, who after a meeting at the Labor Temple heard police sirens and immediately decided to aid the police, but apparently just on the verge of "finding the body" they discovered blood and left the scene, thus enabling us to use this item in this department.

All the friends of Rowland Woodfin, advertising manager of the *Labor Clarion* are wishing him a speedy recovery and hoping he'll be able to return to the office, but quick!

With the above items, this columnist would like to bid a fond farewell to the readers who found time to glance over our column, and a special thank you to those who unknowingly contributed some "note-worthy" news! (Ed. Note—Wouldn't you like to know the identity of the TEMPLE SNOOPER? Next week will tell.)

Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

(Member of S. F. Typographical Union No. 21)

Even our most prominent politicians are having to learn that justice is not a concession which, slightly soiled, can be traded for party loyalty, tax reductions . . . and votes.

What I like about the United States: There is nothing wrong with this country . . . that cannot be cured in this country . . . by this country!

Why have so many employers suddenly united with Communists in their efforts to destroy Organized Labor in your country and mine?

Folks who always "say what they think" seem to have some mighty unpleasant thoughts.

Man's best stimulant is still the milk of human kindness.

CONCERNING REALISM

A little lad was weeping, and his nose was running, too. His little teeth were chattering. His little lips were blue. The rain had trickled down one leg and soaked his little shoe. Up spoke a stout and warm-clad gent, a muffer 'round his neck: "Why is it that you weep, my lad; is there no way to check the tears that fall like waves upon some wild and wind-swept deck? Do you not know when Spring arrives a robin's song you'll hear? Please silently and patiently await till skies are clear. The gentlemen in Congress say prosperity is here!" The little lad still whimpered on. His feeble anguish rose. The rain still fell and trickled down his shabby little clothes. "I only know I'm c-c-c-cold!" he sobbed, and wiped his little nose.

"but they have been forced upon the working classes by the inequitable use of the power of capital."

*The first attempt of the London tailors and that of the puddlers in 1845 are cases in point.

**After a lock-out of four months, and the expenditure of the whole of the accumulated funds of the Amalgamated Society, the employers opened their works again, and the men went back on the old terms. Had the Amalgamated Society broken up, as was confidently expected at the time, the labor movement might have been thrown back a quarter of a century . . . as it was, the defeat proved better than a victory. It was the turning-point in the history of the Amalgamated Society, which rapidly recovered its losses, and at the end of two years was stronger than ever." Mr. Thomas Hughes, in *The Century* for May, 1884.

(Continued Next Week)

Freight Loading Rise In First Quarter Seen

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Freight loadings in the first quarter of this year will approximate 7,091,603 cars, an indicated increase of 8.8 per cent, over the actual loadings in the 1946 period, the Association of American Railroads reported on the basis of estimates compiled by 13 regional Shippers' Advisory Boards.

All geographic regions expect higher loadings than a year ago, the greatest estimated gain being 32.4 per cent in the Great Lakes area. For the Atlantic States the gain is placed at 13.6 per cent, and for New England at 3.1 per cent. The smallest indicated increase is 2.5 per cent in the Northwest.

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Illinois Jobs Continue Gain

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Employment in Illinois manufacturing establishments rose to 1,174,300 in mid-November, a gain of 2 per cent from October 1946, and 14 per cent from November 1945, Robert L. Gordon, Illinois Director of Labor, and John B. Parrish, Regional Director of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Chicago, announced as a result of their joint findings. This is the ninth consecutive month in which manufacturing plants had more employees than in the preceding month.

Biggest Union's Silver Jubilee

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—The American office of the International Transport Workers' Federation says that "the biggest trade union in the world," the British Transport and General Workers, will celebrate its silver jubilee in 1947. The union was established January 1, 1922, as a result of an amalgamation of 14 unions. The union's development will be shown in a specially written "Transport Cavalcade" in which well-known name actors and a ballet of 75 will take part.

AFL Union Chosen

CHICAGO (AFLN)—Harry O'Reilly, AFL regional organization director, announced that in an election held by the National Labor Relations Board recently, employees of the Illinois Paint Works voted for AFL Local 950, Paint, Varnish, Lacquer, and Allied Products Union, by 57 to 29.

Machinist Lodges Are Council Reaffiliates

Friday evening, January 3, meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council saw five local lodges of the International Association of Machinists reseat in the council. The lodges had been suspended some months ago by the AFL. Following are the lodges reseat together with the delegates representing them:

Tool and Dimakers, No. 1176—John Seitz and Chris Nelson.

Automotive Machinists, No. 1305—William I. Madigan, Jack Anderson, C. L. Hoppe, Frank Avilla, C. J. Butler, Rollie Carr, L. Flagg, F. M. Fulton, P. D. Lane and C. M. O'Neill.

Production and Aeronautical Workers, No. 1327—Jessie Anderson, Anthony Ballerini, John E. Byrnes, Emmett Campion, Bill Kahrau, Clifford Miller, Robert Patterson, Carl Reischek, Frank Scherf and Charles Woods.

Machinists' Lodge, No. 68—Robert Adams, Joseph W. Barnes, Clarence D. Beach, Richard Claire, Sylvester Cruz, Barney J. Dreyfuss, Michael Katz, Joseph Mottershead, James P. Murphy and Agustin J. Roy.

Welders' Lodge, No. 1330—Pete Taylor. Locksmiths' Lodge will be seated at a future date, which will complete the reaffiliation of machinists' lodges in San Francisco.

Milk Wagon Drivers 226 Conclude Negotiations

After negotiating for several weeks, Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, No. 226, are in accord with their employers and are now working under a new agreement by which wages were increased 17 to 19 per cent for different classifications of work.

One particular section of the agreement sets forth that men breaking in on routes will be paid for such break-in period. The union considers this a real gain in conditions. Heretofore, a man broke in a route on his own time. Other improvements were made that will have good effect in the efficiency in handling milk in this area.

Philly Jobs at Peacetime High

PHILADELPHIA (AFLN)—Employment gains in the industrial area of this area now stand at the highest level in peacetime history, it was disclosed in a report by William B. Galloway, Jr., manager of the Pennsylvania State Employment Service. Employment in the textile industry here climbed from 58,000 in January to 64,000 in November. Galloway estimated that total employment had increased 70,000 in the past year to a total of 1,295,000. About 91,000 are unemployed, he said.

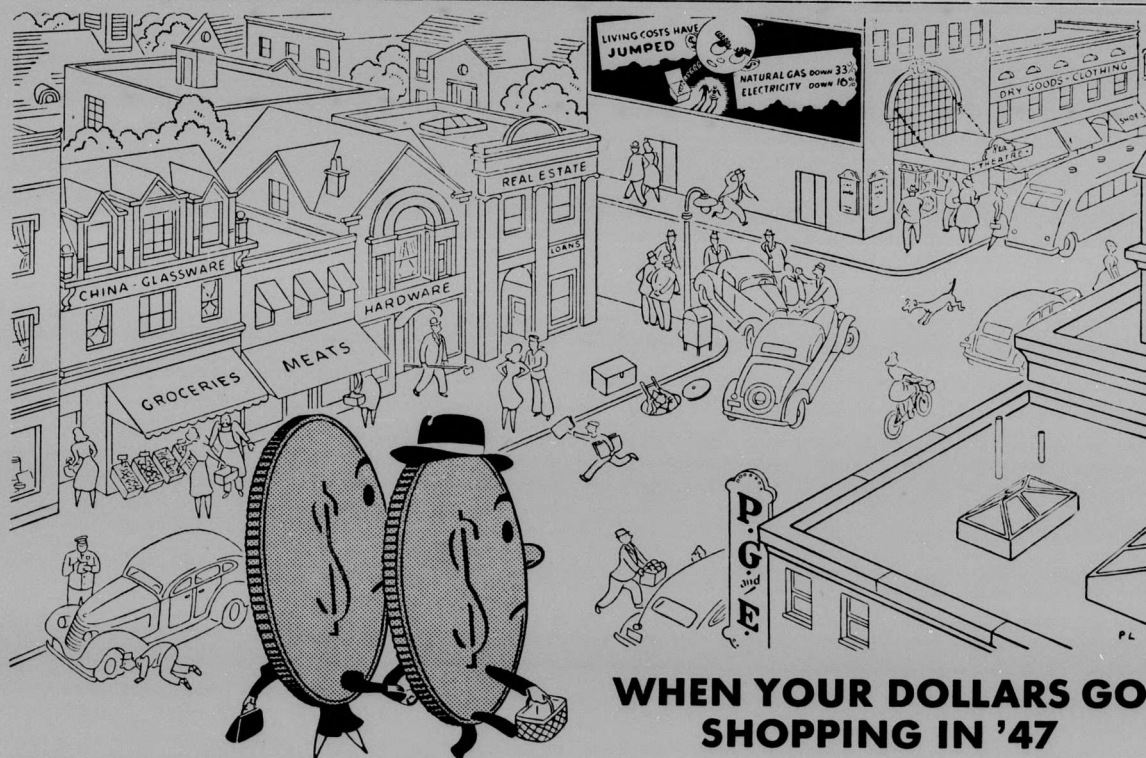
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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,

President of Typographical Union No. 21

SPECIAL UNION MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, at Labor Temple Auditorium. The scale committee will report upon, and recommend ratification of, agreements arrived at with the newspaper publishers and commercial employers upon contracts for 1947. Every member should attend. Time: 1 P.M.

Louie F. Guedet, a member of No. 21 for more than 40 years, passed away on January 4. A native of New York, Mr. Guedet was 74 years of age and for many years had operated his own business in this city. In July of last year Mr. Guedet retired and went on the union's pension roll. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Holy Redeemer Church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Leonard P. Canepa, continuously a member of No. 21 since initiation as a journeyman in 1904, died at his home on New Year's Day. Before applying for the old age pension at the December meeting, Mr. Canepa had been a member of the Carlisle chapel. The deceased member, a native of California, was 66 years of age and is survived by his widow, Lillian Canepa; a son and daughter, two sisters and four brothers. Funeral services were on Saturday, January 4, at St. Anne's Church, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated, followed by entombment in Italian Cemetery.

Mrs. Louise Canine, wife of R. A. Canine, member of San Mateo Union and well known to members of No. 21, passed away in Palo Alto on December 29. Mrs. Canine was a former vice-president of the International Women's Auxiliary and had attended a number of ITU conventions.

The Rotary Colorprint now is completely settled in the company's new quarters at 870 Brannan street, which are much larger and better in many ways than the several "homes" that firm has had in past years. For the employees a commodious locker room with "real" lockers has been installed.

The conference at Winnipeg between the ITU, the management of the Southam chain of newspapers and Dominion government officials looking toward settlement of the year-old strike against a number of Canadian papers, failed to achieve results and the strikes are continuing into the second year.

Last November the voters of Massachusetts, by referendum, enacted a law requiring that Labor unions file with the State an annual statement of expenditures, including wages paid to union officers. The first report, filed under the State law, shows that the printing trades unions in the Boston area, although having lower scales than prevail on the West Coast, are themselves somewhat more liberal employers than Western unions in the same industry.

Ted Anderson and family had a narrow escape from death on Christmas Day when Mr. Anderson's car was struck by another machine at Van Ness and Vallejo. Mrs. Anderson was the most seriously injured and will be hospitalized for two or more months. Ted escaped with minor injuries. The Anderson automobile was completely demolished, but the occupants of the other car miraculously were not injured.

The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to Frank Stanton (*Examiner* chapel) in his bereavement following the death of his wife, Belle Francis, on December 24. A daughter, Audrey Joan, also survives Mrs. Stanton.

Los Angeles Union, it is reported, meets on January 12 to consider the latest proposals for 1947 contracts. The proposal from the newspapers is for \$77 a week and that for commercial shops is \$76 for a two-year contract calling for 40 hours the first year and 37½ hours the second year, with five paid holidays.

From Chicago word has been received that the ITU has concluded its long drawn-out negotiations with the commercial employers of that city, extending back to last September, with a contract calling for \$80.11 for day work and \$85.10 for night work. Our correspondent writes that the local union scale committee has joined with the ITU president in recommending approval.

Detroit Union has concluded a job contract for 1947 calling for a 40-hour work week at \$2.12 an hour, with two weeks vacation to those who held situations on May 1, 1946, and who continue to be employed in the same shop. The Detroit contract also calls for a "split" week, with Saturday as a regular work day.

6,000 Join UMW District 50

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—With an estimated membership of 6,000, the Local 21193 of the American Federation of Municipal Transit Workers (AFL) voted to join District 50 of the United Mine Workers (AFL).

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Bay Area Labor Week

DECEMBER 31—Taxicab strike against Yellow Cab Company underway following breakdown of negotiations; quick end of strike predicted . . . strike action against 27 Mission District stores averted with wage increase being obtained . . . AFL-CIO machinists' shipyard jurisdictional trouble reaches truce status; trouble started by CIO.

JANUARY 1—Taxicab strike ends; unionists raise wages to \$9 daily or 49 per cent of gross income, whichever is greater . . . Joseph Stack, NMU vice-president, denies resigning his union position as fight between NMU President Curran and Stack widens.

JANUARY 2—Representative Richard Welch accepts chairmanship of House Public Lands Committee . . . entering the 15th day of the Owl Drug Company strike, both sides appear to be preparing for long siege; Pharmacists' Union continuing signing independent drug stores.

JANUARY 3—East Bay culinary unions agree to three-year contract following six weeks of negotiations; cooks up wage 75 cents daily, others up 50 cents . . . Hook-Dillon combination serve notice on shipyards and uptown machine shops that their CIO machinists' union 168 will present contracts for consideration; jurisdiction is now vested with local Lodge 68, International Association of Machinists.

JANUARY 4—Strike of Hawaiian CIO longshoremen averted when union is awarded 30 cents hourly increase . . . two Bay Area educators named special conciliators by United States Department of Labor; those named were William S. Hopkins, Stanford professor of Labor economics, and Dr. Clark Kerr, University of California professor of the school of business administration.

JANUARY 5—Various union groups eye forthcoming State legislative session in Sacramento with more than spectator interest; printing trades unions have legislative agent on scene; people connected with dairy industry unions are watching possible legislation whereby local milk inspection would be turned over to State inspection.

JANUARY 6—San Francisco CIO Council will support Pharmacists' Union Owl Drug Company strike by constituent unions refusing to handle struck work . . . Butchers' Union, No. 115, will seek increase wage rate of approximately \$10 per week.

JANUARY 7—Two Bowerman's Pharmacy, Inc., stores were picketed by drug clerks . . . portal-to-portal pay suit entered against Paraffin Company at Emeryville by CIO-ILWU . . . retail clerks ratify agreement with Mission Merchants' Group.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN McLEOD

News of our members is scarce and innumerable phone calls found no one home. It can't be true that everyone is so busy writing essays that they are ignoring the ringing of bells. Mrs. Grace Young, chairman of the label committee, would be overjoyed if that were true. She is very anxious to have our members enter this contest and if there is a good response, there may be a contest with Albuquerque, New Mexico, later on.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Blade wanted their granddaughter, Gloria, to see Market street on New Year's Eve, so they braved the crowd and the confetti. It was Gloria's first street carnival and she had a wonderful time but her grandparents were all tired out. They went to the East-West game at Kezar Stadium New Year's Day and Bijou said it was grand. Maybe because they could sit down!

Friends of Mr. Gary Helms will be sorry to know that he entered St. Francis Hospital on Tuesday, December 31, for treatment and a general going-over. We hope he will soon be well and home again. Mr. Helms is employed by the *Call-Bulletin*. He is the husband of Past Secretary Jane Helms.

A telephone conversation with Mrs. Ruth Begon found her feeling much better and in good spirits. She will re-enter St. Francis Hospital on Saturday, January 11, for an operation. Friends wishing to write to her, the address is 830 Bosworth street. We know she will soon be well and full of pep again.

Please write or phone items of interest to our members to J. Ann McLeod, 1743 Golden Gate avenue, zone 15; WAlnut 1-3051. Call evenings.

Top Gov't Labor Man Dies

WASHINGTON (USLD)—Verne A. Zimmer, Director of the U. S. Labor Department's Division of Labor Standards since that agency was created in 1934, and one of the country's foremost authorities on workmen's compensation, died at his Washington home on Christmas night. Commenting on Mr. Zimmer's death, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach declared: "He was a valued public servant and my good friend. He was a leader of men, an authority on Labor legislation, and perhaps the outstanding expert in the Nation on Workmen's Compensation legislation."

Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

A threatened work stoppage of members of Chicago Mailers Union, employed by six daily newspapers was called off on January 2, pending further negotiations. President Randolph entered the wage dispute and a meeting between the wage disputants followed with further meetings scheduled to follow. The Mailers asked \$73.50 for a 36¼-hour week, compared with \$59 for a 40-hour week at present, and \$77.50 for 35 hours of night work, compared with the present \$63 for a 37½ hours. The publishers had offered \$67.50 for 37½ hours days, and \$73.50 for 36½ hours of night work.

As of November 20, 1946, there remained in the International Mailers Union treasury \$15,562.22. Apparently that won't last long. Looks like an MDTU "redivivus" in peculiar ways of "mixing" politics and finances. With Walter Weissman, president, following in the footsteps of his predecessors of the now defunct MTDU he dipped into the IMU treasury for "services and expenses" to the tune of \$418.98 for the month of August. While Edward J. Fillenworth, attorney (who was made a life member of the IMU) for the month of August, for legal services, hit the IMU treasury for the "modest" fee, or sum of \$1,397.85. The IMU has no international affiliation. However, it has a lawyer on its payroll, instead, who is not "blind" to "the emoluments there unto appertaining," apparently.

President Duncan C. Ross is extended sympathy on the recent death of his father, Alexander Ross, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He was a native of Scotland, who had attained the ripe age of 84 years.

Harry I. Christie, of the *Chronicle* Chapel, in the mailer venacular, "in order to keep his hand in" at the trade, did a Friday and Saturday night shift, departing Monday last, to take up what looks to become the rather strenuous job of representative of the printing trades at the meeting of "the clans" of Legislature at Sacramento. We wish him success at the 1947 legislative "field meet."

N. ("Nick") Spang, of the *Chronicle* Chapel, after going to the mat in a battle royal with the flu germ, has returned to work in "the pink" of condition, full of his old "pep."

Henry Grauli, of the *Chronicle* Chapel, has been confined to his home the past two weeks with an attack of stomach flu. The attack is reported as responding to treatment.

G. F. Fletcher of *Wall Street Journal Chapel*, drew a traveler, departing for brief vacation in Las Vegas, New Mexico, in his "fiery" benzine burning "chariot."

Mrs. Randolph, wife of President Randolph, while visiting with Superintendent Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, matron at the U.P. Home, following meeting of the Board of Trustees, suffered a sudden heart attack and was removed to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. She is now hospitalized there in St. Mary's Hospital. Her condition is reported to be quite serious.

Union Printers Golf Association

By EWE KNOW WHOM

Hear ye! Hear ye! And this is important!

Because of the special meeting of San Francisco Typographical Union No. 21, called for Sunday, January 12, the January tournament of San Francisco Union Printers Golf Association is positively CALLED OFF!

President Charles William "Steamboat Bill" Nicholson of the Golf Association took action immediately following the posting of notices of the special union meeting. He contacted EWE KNOW WHOM and asked to have the *Labor Clarion* carry this important notice. So be warned, fellow golfers, the January tournament of S.F.U.P.G.A. is definitely called off and you are urged to attend the special union meeting, Sunday, January 12, at 1 o'clock p.m. in the Labor Temple Auditorium. The meeting is important!

Printers' Conference

The Northern California Conference of Typographical Unions will meet in Oakland on January 11 and 12. The first day's meeting will be a get-together and an executive board meeting of the group. On Sunday morning, January 12, the round table discussion of typographical matters will occupy attention and in the afternoon the general session will get under way. Leamington Hotel is the meeting place.

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SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1947

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 by President Shelley. **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**—All present. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the Labor Clarion.

CREDENTIALS—Referred to the Organizing Committee: United Garment Workers of America Cutters', No. 45—Hal D. Seeskin and Andy Ahern; Metal Polishers and Platers', No. 128—Joe Austin vice William Perry; Warehousemen's Union, No. 860—Ralph Siminoni, Thomas White, Mark O'Reilly, Frank Bordenave, Ray Johnson, John McBride, Daniel Flanagan, Fabian Ortiz, Jack Dillon, Louis Anzore; Cleaning and Dye House Workers, No. 7—Belle Dutton, Mary Horn, E. N. McFadyen, Arthur Moyer, Henry Romiguere, Hal Willis, and Welders' Lodge, No. 1330—Pete Taylor. Request of Roofers' Local No. 40 for affiliation.

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Friday, January 3, 1947.) Meeting called to order at 7:20 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Production Machinists, No. 1327—Jessie Anderson, John Byrnes, Emmett Campion, Clifford Miller, Frank Scherf, Carl Reischek and Charles Woods; Automotive Machinists, No. 1305—Claude Butler, Rollie Carr, Frank Civilla, L. T. Flagg, F. M. Fulton, Carl Hoppe, Wm. Madigan and C. M. O'Neill, and Machinists, No. 68—Robert Adams, Joseph Barnes, Harry Beach, Sylvester Cruz, Joseph Mothershead and Augustin J. Roy. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From President William Green outlining the text for a number of important matters on which action was taken at the 65th annual convention, held October 7, 1946. From John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, Washington, D. C., to Director Joe Roberts of the Organizational Strategy Committee, expressing his interest in the good work of that committee.

BILLS were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

DONATIONS—To the "March of Dimes": Bookbinders No. 31-125—\$10.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—From Office Employees, No. 3, advising of their desire to modify working agreement and attaching proposal. Working agreement with the Paint-Brush Industry of San Francisco submitted by the Paint, Varnish, Lacquer and Brush-Makers' Union, No. 1071, for approval.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Monday, December 30.) Meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by President Shelley. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of Cleaning and Dye House Workers, No. 7, requesting strike sanction against the Norman Cleaners, 2255 Chestnut street, wherein it was requested they be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list, Brother Romiguere was present representing the union; no one appeared for the company. Your committee recommends that we declare our intention of placing this firm on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. The matter was referred to President Shelley to assist the union in the final disposition of this matter.

In the matter of the Department Store Employees, No. 1100, requesting strike sanction against the Mission Merchants' Association, Brother Bloitta and a committee were present for Local No. 1100, and Messrs. Eddlestein, Horowitz and Portner were present representing the association. The basis of this complaint is the negotiation of a new wage scale. Your committee appointed Brother Phillips to act with the representatives of the union, and a meeting was arranged with the Columbia Outfitting Company at 2 p. m. on Tuesday. Committee recommends strike sanction, subject to the report of the sub-committee. In the matter of the Chauffeurs' Union, No. 265, requesting strike sanction against the Meter Cab Operators of San Francisco, Messrs. Rothschild, Ackerman and Baldi were present representing the Meter Cab Operators; Brothers Cancilla and Costa, together with a committee, were present representing the union. This matter was discussed at length, and Brothers Goldberger, Rotell and Shelley were appointed to act with the committee for the union. In order to consummate this matter with the contending parties, a meeting was arranged for 10 a. m. Tuesday, December 31. Your committee recommended that strike sanction be granted, and left it in the hands of the sub-committee. In the matter of the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers requesting strike sanction against the Nic-Nac, 266 Sutter street, and the G&G Sandwich Shop at 505 Montgomery street; Mr. Capinaris was present representing the G&G. A committee from the Joint Board was also present. It was reported that the G&G Sandwich Shop signed an agreement. Strike sanction was granted against the Nic-Nac. In the matter of the AFL Organizing Committee of San Mateo County, requesting financial aid in their organizing campaign, your committee recommends that a letter be sent to the affiliated unions to assist the council at San Mateo. In the matter of the Program Committee of the East-West Game requesting contribution to Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, the committee recommends that the Council donate \$100. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE—Brother Johns gave a progress report for the sub-committee appointed to negotiate with the Retail Drug Association for Pharmacists', No. 838. He said an industry contract had definitely been established, with the Owl Drug Company standing alone in this controversy. Delegate Johns commended the pickets for their fine morale, and reaffirmed his statement that they were ready to settle down for a long fight. The rumors circulated that a drug shortage would result from the Warehousemen's participation in the strike, Brother Johns said, were propaganda, as there is an ample supply of drugs through the stores already signed.

REPORT OF THE BAY CITIES METAL TRADES COUNCIL—Vice-President Rotell reported for the Metal Trades Council on a dispute between the Moore Dry Dock Company and their Council, wherein CIO Machinists were dispatched to perform work on the San Francisco waterfront, and who subsequently placed a picket line around Pier 37. A controversy ensued with the Moore Dry Dock Company calling in the United States Conciliation Service. A meeting was held on December 30 which resulted in the demands of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council being met by the CIO.

REPORTS OF UNIONS—Delegate Goldberger directed the attention of the Council to the fact that the Burlingame

Truman Puts Up Prizes For Ideas to Cut Costs

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Taking a new tack in his drive to cut out unnecessary spending, President Truman has offered Federal employees prizes as high as \$1,000 for suggestions on how to save the taxpayers' money.

By executive order the President set up a merit-award system for government workers who offer economy proposals which can be applied effectively within five years of their presentation. The cash awards will be determined by the amount of the annual savings resulting from each suggestion. The minimum award is \$10 for each \$200 of savings, with a ceiling of \$1,000 for an idea which saves the government more than \$300,000 a year.

Labor-Management Institute

STORRS, Conn. (AFLN)—The University of Connecticut has announced the establishment of an institute of Labor-management relations and has appointed Myron Clark of Boston, former official of the U. S. Rubber Co., to direct it. The institute will offer several types of services to employers, employees and others.

Country Club dispute was a bona fide sanctioned strike. Brother Cancilla, Chauffeurs, No. 265, thanked the delegates and the Executive Committee for their assistance in the negotiations which ended their strike against the Meter Cab Operators of San Francisco in one day, thereby gaining for them a pay increase from \$7.50 to \$9.00 a day, or 49 per cent of the day's receipts if greater than \$9.00. Department Store Union No. 1100 reported progress in their conferences with the Mission Merchants' Association on a new wage scale for their members. Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278 thanked the Organizational Strategy Committee for assistance in prosecuting the Farmer Bros.' boycott. Garment Workers, No. 45, reported they were negotiating a new agreement with employers. Delegate from Window Cleaners, No. 44, gave an account of their recent negotiations for a new contract which resulted in an increase of approximately \$2 a day, plus additional concessions regarding paid holidays and vacations. Brother Oddone reported for the Furniture Workers, No. 3141, regarding their conferences with the Bedding and Furniture Manufacturers, which gained for their workers a 12-cents-an-hour increase. Beauticians, No. 12, thanked the Council for assistance in their organizing campaign.

ANNOUNCEMENT—There will not be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, January 6, 1947.

Receipts, \$495; disbursements, \$3,358.30.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

Retail Clerks' Sign Mission Dist. Stores

After requesting strike sanction of the San Francisco Labor Council, Retail Clerks' Union, No. 1100, were successful in negotiating a higher wage scale with the Mission Merchants' Group, comprising 27 stores in that district.

The agreement ratified by the union on Tuesday, January 7, provides for a 40-hour week of five days. Wages were increased \$6.00 across the board for all classifications, with a \$40 minimum. The new agreement becomes effective May 1. Wendell Phillips served with the clerks' negotiating committee and received a vote of thanks from the union for his efforts on their behalf.

Franco Enemy Saved

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—Renardo Munoz, opponent of Franco, who faced death or imprisonment upon return to Spain, was saved from deportation within an hour before his ship was scheduled to sail. Quick action by Ernest Fleishman, Workers' Defense League attorney, in obtaining a habeas corpus writ, resulted in Munoz's being removed from the ship to Ellis Island. Attempts will now be made to secure him a visa to Mexico. The case was brought to the WDL by Anthony Rainer, Spanish editor of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union.



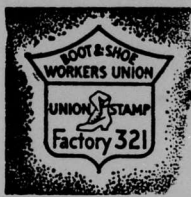
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Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Becker Distributing Company.
Bruener, John, Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
California Watch Case Company.
California Chocolates Company, 137 Grant avenue.
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman," "Holiday."

Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central,

1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Farmer Bros.' Coffee.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.
Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.

Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.
Shangra-La Beauty Salon, 1677 Washington.
Sloane, W. & J.
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.

All non-union independent taxicabs.

Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.

Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hair-

dressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

San Francisco Social Security Data Given

The Old-Age and Survivors' insurance program of the Social Security Administration completed its tenth year on December 31, 1946, it was announced recently by Charles H. Shreve, San Francisco manager, in a year-end statement.

The social security program, Mr. Shreve said, has come of age. Today, 1,655,000 Americans receive monthly insurance payments totaling \$31,360,000 each month. These payments are making a very real contribution to the economic well-being of communities throughout the Nation. Of even greater moment, they are giving a large measure of independence and security to retired workers and dependents of deceased workers.

The steady and substantial growth of old-age and survivors' insurance is shown by the national figures for 1946 as contrasted with the same figures for 1945. In the year just past, individuals receiving payment increased by 415,000 over 1945, and monthly payments rose from \$23,801,000 to \$31,360,000.

After ten years of social security 74,000,000 Americans now have wage credits in the system; 85,000,000 account number cards—the worker's key to his social security protection—have been issued; and 43,000,000 Americans have either fully or currently insured status. Both retirement and survivors' insurance payments may be made on the account of a fully insured worker, and limited survivors' payments on that of a currently insured person.

The national growth of old-age and survivors' insurance is reflected in the payments made in the area served by the San Francisco office of the Social Security Administration. Explaining that his figures are subject to minor revision, Mr. Shreve said 12,652 men, women and children receive payments of \$282,293.26 a month—a rate of about \$3,500,000 a year, representing an increase of 39 per cent over the year 1945.

Summing up the situation on the social security front, Shreve said there is one serious cause of concern to the board's field officers: some people do not know their rights under the old-age and survivors' insurance program, and so may lose some benefits through failure to act at the right time. To correct this he issued the following advice: "Whenever a person, who has worked at any time in a job covered by the law, reaches the age of 65, he should come in to see us and find out how to protect his benefit rights, even though he does not plan to retire. Whenever a worker dies, after working for some period in jobs covered by the law, some member of his family should communicate with the nearest office of the Social Security Board. This is the only way to make sure that no benefits are lost."

Former Illinois Leader Dies

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Edward R. Wright, former president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor and Chicago Typographical Union No. 16, died at his home in Moline, Ill., December 31. He was 75. Wright was former organizer for the AFL and for the International Typographical Union, and at one time was president of the Chicago Allied Printing Trades Council, vice-president of the National Safety Council, and a member of the Illinois Industrial Commission.

Once Broke, Gives Xmas Bonus

SCIO, Ohio (AFLN)—This little town stepped into the headlines when 827 residents of the 1,400 population received Christmas bonus checks from their boss, owner of a pottery plant, who was broke 14 years ago. His name is L. P. Reese, and he is 53. The bonus amounted to \$705,686.

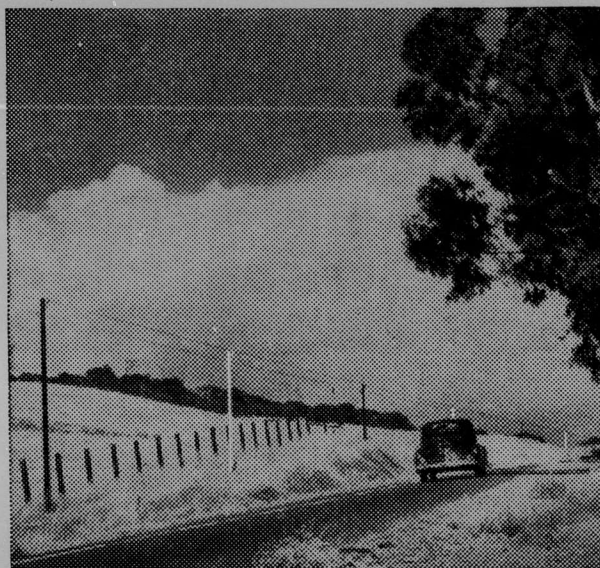
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